

[19th August 1925]

(c) whether this Government have had any correspondence on the subject of the inadequacy of accommodation and comforts in these ships with the Government of India within the last one year, and if so, with what results?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a is placed on the table of the House.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 156.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, I find from the papers supplied in answer to this question that S.S. *Tara* carried passengers numbering 333 up to a maximum of 1,617. I want to know whether the latter number is not excessive considering the size and capacity of the vessel?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"If the hon. Member writes to me I shall be able to supply the information. I cannot answer the question off-hand."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"With reference to clause (c), have the Government received any inspection report after inspection of the vessels by the Collector of Madras within the last six months?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am unable to say definitely."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Will he kindly place on the table the report, if any, on the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I will consider the question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I propose to the hon. the Home Member to be good enough to pay a visit to the ship when these coolies are embarked and examine the condition of the ship?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I will consider it."

Forests.

Permit for cattle-grazing in Melarasampattu village.

* 122 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to answer given to interpellations Nos. 127 and 425 of the meeting of the Council in February and March 1925, respectively, whether the Chief Conservator of Forests finds any difficulty in allowing cattle to graze in all the four blocks in Melarasampattu village taking out a single permit?

A.—A copy of the Chief Conservator's report with its enclosure is placed on the Council Table.^b

Disafforestation of Kudiramoli reserve.

* 123 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any proposal for disafforestation of a portion of Kudiramoli reserve forest in Tinnevelly district has been received by the Government?

^a Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 268-269 infra.
^b Printed as Appendix IX on pages 269-270 infra.